

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2004.

No claims are amended, claims 15-18 and 27-28 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-14, 19-26, 29 and 30 are now pending in this application.

#### **§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 15-18 and 27-28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt (U.S. 6,278,481) in view of Zhou et al. (U.S. 5,909,026). In the present response Applicant has cancelled claims 15-18 and 27-28 without prejudice, thus the objection is answered.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-14, 19-26, and 29-30 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims have been indicated to be in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly requested that allowed claims 1-14, 19-26, 29 and 30 be passed to issue. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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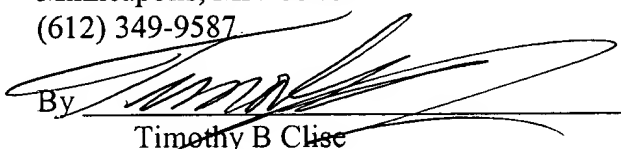
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